



Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Selectmen

Date: May 23, 2016 – Business Meeting
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Place: McCourt Social Hall, Memorial Town Hall, Spencer, MA
Present: Chairman G. Woodbury, Vice Chair Stevens, Clerk C. Woodbury,
Members Pepe, Hicks, and Administrator Gaudette

At 6:07 p.m. Chairman Woodbury called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A moment of silence was observed in honor of Auburn Police Officer Ronald Tarentino who lost his life in the line of duty on May 22nd.

Action Item: Vote to authorize Selectmen Pepe to participate remotely in accordance with Regulation 940, CMR 29.10 of the Open Meeting Law

Chairman Pepe was able to attend the meeting.

Reorganization

A motion to nominate Selectmen Stevens as Chair (G. Woodbury/Hicks) passed 5/0.
A motion to nominate Selectmen C. Woodbury as Vice Chair (Pepe/Hicks) passed 5/0.
A motion to nominate Selectmen Hicks as Clerk (Pepe/C. Woodbury) passed 5/0.

Minutes:

None

Citizen Input

None

Communications:

Recognition of Service – Officer Russ Rhoades

Sergeant Befford noted that Officer Rhoades served in the U.S. Military and later became a Spencer Police Officer. He was community oriented and spent a lot of time at Howe Village and assisting members of the community.

Officer Rhoades said it has been an honor to work for the Spencer Police Department. He will still be working on Police Details.

The Board thanked him for his outstanding service and presented him with a Certificate of Appreciation.

New Business:

Action Item: Request from Mary, Queen of the Rosary to close Prospect St. for the Annual Bazaar on June 10-11

A motion to approve the Request of Mary, Queen of the Rosary to close Prospect St. for the Annual Bazaar on June 10-11 (G. Woodbury/Hicks) passed 5/0.

Action Item: Approve the One Day Alcohol License for Mary, Queen of the Rosary

A motion to approve the Request from Mary, Queen of the Rosary for a One Day Alcohol License for Mary, Queen of the Rosary on June 10-11 (Hicks/G. Woodbury) passed 5/0.

Old Business:

Action Item: Ambulance Service Agreement for FY17-FY19

Mr. Gaudette provided the Board with a draft of the 2013 Spencer Rescue Squad Agreement with proposed changes for the new FY17 agreement. He said the Town has been served well by SRS.

After several months of discussion, they are exploring the idea of adding Leicester to the Ambulance Service agreement. SRS members Pat George, John Wilson, Arnie Arsenault, Jim Lovett and Charlie O'Connor were present for the discussion.

Mr. O'Connor reported that over five hundred Spencer residents were transported over the past 5 months. Medicare does not cover the entire cost and often times they do not get paid the difference and are forced to absorb the cost.

Mr. Pepe asked about the agreement with Leicester. Mr. O'Connor said that meetings are being held and a five week pilot program will be in place to determine if it's feasible.

Mr. George noted that as part of the Agreement, Leicester will provide a second ambulance three days per week and SRS will provide a second ambulance 4 days per week.

Chief Parsons noted this Agreement has the potential to be mutually beneficial.

A motion to approve the contract as written (Hicks/Pepe) passed 5/0.

Town Administrator's Report:

Town Administrator Evaluation

Mr. G. Woodbury met with Mr. Gaudette to review his annual performance evaluation. He received an overall score of 3.65 on a scale of 1 to 4.

The Board is pleased with his performance and with the mutual respect he extends to everyone he deals with. All agreed he is a pleasure to work with and does a fine job. Mr. Stevens noted he especially appreciated his contribution during the Comprehensive Roads Project hearings.

Mr. Gaudette said he appreciates the comments and enjoys his position, noting there is no shortage of challenges.

Mr. Pepe would like to revamp the current evaluation form. Mr. Gaudette will reach out to other Towns for samples.

Board Liaison Reports

Mr. Stevens noted that the EDC spent time with Mr. Tyler on the Main Street revitalization plan.

Citizen Input

Carl Kwiatkowski, 113 Meadow Rd. asked about double poles in Town. Mr. Gaudette said that National Grid is addressing the issue and communicates with him weekly.

Board Member and Staff Comments

The Isaac Prouty Veterans Memorial Committee is working with National Grid and asked the Town to grant an easement at Prouty Park for the Veterans Memorial. He provided the document for review.

A motion to grant the request of National Grid for an easement at Prouty Park (Pepe/G. Woodbury) passed 4/0, Mr. Hicks abstained.

Mr. Hicks questioned why this was not on agenda. Mr. Gaudette explained that normally he would have on the agenda in advance, however he received the request today and in his opinion this acting is not in violation of the Open Meeting Law.

The Board signed the easement.

Mr. G. Woodbury noted that the Landfill Solar Committee met recently.

Mr. Stevens said the Building Reuse Committee engaged a team of architects to give a detailed analysis of Lake St. School.

Mr. C. Woodbury would like to look into keeping the land in front of Lake Street School separate from the sale. Mr. Gaudette mentioned that a feasibility study will to look at various options.

Mr. Pepe said a volunteer day will be held to plant grass seed in front of the Town Hall.

Request for Executive Session under Mass General Laws, Chapter 30A, §21(a), ¶6, to consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real estate.

At 7:25 p.m. a motion to meet in Executive Session in accordance with MGL Chapter 30A, § 21 (a), ¶6, to consider the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real estate (Pepe/Hicks) passed with a roll call vote: G. Woodbury-yes, C. Woodbury -yes, Stevens-yes, Pepe-yes, Hicks-yes.

Mr. Stevens announced the meeting will reconvene only to adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Savoie
Administrative Assistant

Referenced Materials

SRS FY17 Agreement
TA Evaluation Form
National Grid Easement